



BABY DEDICATIONS

Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating two precious babies during the month of November. On November 14th, John & Elaine Heeringa brought the newest member of their family, Naomi Jessica Dianne, to be dedicated to the Lord. Then the following Sunday Dennis & Tanya Fehr brought their new son, William Samuel, to be dedicated. Children are indeed a "heritage of the Lord."

GATE LOCKDOWN

On Friday night, "The Gate", together with the Junior Highs of Alliston Church, held a "lockdown" sleepover at ICC. There were 70+ bubbly kids in attendance. Before the conclusion of the event there was a time of worship and several received salvation before the conclusion of the service.

HURONIA SECTIONAL PASTORS' MEETING

On Tuesday, November 16th, ICC hosted this month's Huronia Sectional Pastors' Meeting with 18 Pastors in attendance. Following the meeting they enjoyed an in-house luncheon in the Fireside Lounge.

WATER BAPTISM

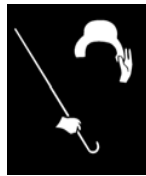
It is always exciting to see candidates follow Christ through the waters of baptism. On Sunday evening, November 14th, Pastor



Courtney and Pastor Charlene had the privilege of baptizing two candidates; Greg Reaney, a newer member of our church family, and Marley Knapp, granddaughter of Gerry & Sue Knapp.

ROUND TABLE WORSHIP & LEADERSHIP

On Sunday evening, November 21st, a Round Table Worship & Leadership Insight Night was held in the gym. After the worship session, Pastor Courtney led the group in an icebreaker exercise, followed by a powerpoint presentation on "Understanding The Life Cycle of the Church." At the conclusion of the presentation, opportunity was given for questions and open discussion.



BLACK LIGHT DESSERT THEATRE

Plans are well underway for our upcoming Sunday School Christmas Play, called "The Gift of Light." The show is being performed by the Sunday School children. Jessica Pereira and her team of helpers have been working diligently building and painting props, rehearsing, and much more, in preparation for this "Black Light Dessert Theatre" which is being held December 10th, 11th & 12th. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact the church office.

E.R.D.O

(Emergency Relief & Development Overseas)

The used clothing portables are once again full and ready to be loaded onto the tractor trailer for shipment overseas. We are so grateful for all those in the community who continue to support this operation through donations of clothing and other necessities to meet the needs of those less fortunate. We also recognize and thank Winners Bayfield Mall for their ongoing generous contribution of clearance and returned items. Together we are making a difference!



NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

On Monday, November 1st, the Remembrance Day Flag Raising Ceremony, coordinated by Pastor Courtney, was held at the Innisfil Municipal Office. Following Mayor Brian Jackson's opening comments, Father Phil Morley of St. Paul's Anglican Church read scripture and Rev. Jane Wetelainen offered a prayer of remembrance. A good number of veterans attended the service, as well as representatives from the Police & Fire Departments and City Council. Also participating were the Rejoice Christian Academy students, who had opportunity to meet with the veterans after the ceremony and hear about some of their war experiences.

On Sunday, November 7th, the first part of the morning service was dedicated to "remembering" those who fought in the war. As 9 of our own ICC veterans made their way to the platform, they were honored with a standing ovation and applause for serving in the war in various positions and locations around the world. Gabby Boone recited the poem "In Flanders Fields", followed by "The Last Post", played by Gillian Gauthier (taped), and a moment of silence.

"LEST WE FORGET"



FAREWELL TO PASTOR CHARLENE

Pastor Charlene Roberts has been with Innisfil Community Church for 16 months, serving as Pastor of Children's Ministries. On November 7th, in the morning service, Pastor Charlene shared with the congregation the stirring God had placed on her heart for her personal ministry. Without knowing where He is sending her, she felt she had clearly heard His voice that there was to be a season of change in her life. With a heavy heart, and yet a peace in her spirit, she submitted her resignation and asked that she be released within two weeks. The Pastoral and Board ministry teams gathered around her and prayed God's blessing and direction for her future. Pastor Charlene preached her farewell sermon on Sunday morning, November 21st. The title of her message was "Seasons". Following the service, over 100 of her ICC friends showed up for a surprise luncheon at King's Buffet. She was "surprised indeed!" Pastor Charlene was well loved, and will be missed by the Innisfil Community Church family and, especially, by the children to whom she devoted her time and energy. Though we would have liked to have had her stay with us longer, we know we cannot interfere with God's plan and that she must be obedient to His call. Thank you, Pastor Charlene, for investing in the lives of our children. As you spend time with your family over the Holiday Season and wait upon God for further direction in your life, may His love and peace go with you. "God Bless You."



Women's Ministries Is Exciting!.....

Nearly \$1000.00 was raised at the Silent Auction held by ICC's ladies on Tuesday November 9th. The fundraiser was held specifically for one overseas missionary and a local missionary couple that are sponsored through our Women's Ministries Department. It was fun seeing 50 ladies shopping at the tables that were laid out with very interesting and unique items! Thanks to everyone who made donations. Because of YOUR generosity the auction was a great success and we were able to bless our missionaries with the funds received. In conjunction with the Silent Auction, the special guest for the evening was Wendy Hagar (and her friend, Evelyn), of "SEW ON FIRE MINISTRIES". Since Wendy began Sew on Fire Ministries in February 2000, she and her teams of volunteers have sewn more than 35,000 (as of October 1, 2003) gift items for orphans and widows in 40 countries. I'm sure every lady's heart was challenged as she shared the story of her vision and what God did as a result of her obedience.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

ICC's Men's Ministries held a breakfast meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, November 20th, with 26 men in attendance. As usual, Tony, Donato, and the food crew served up a delicious breakfast! The special guest was Bryan Leon, who shared his personal testimony. Afterwards, Ron Emmons took the opportunity to speak to the men regarding the vision for Men's Ministries.

PRIMETIMERS

Pastor June and John White are doing a tremendous job in organizing the Primetimers functions. On Tuesday, November 9th, approximately 45 of our seniors enjoyed an afternoon of table games, a Gaither video, and of course a pot luck spread of sandwiches, desserts and lots of other good things! It is wonderful to see everyone having fun together. If anyone is interested in joining with our seniors or needs information on the exciting upcoming events, contact the church office at 436-1611.

GROUND ZERO (YOUTH)



The Sunday evening service on November 7th was primarily conducted by ICC's Youth, with special emphasis by the Youth Worship Team—along with Gideon on the drums! Becky Boone and Andrew McGhee led in worship; it was awesome! Becky played the keyboard; Andrew played electric guitar and led in the song "I Can Only Imagine", and Colin Stickle played acoustic guitar. The worship was followed by a skit, arranged by Leanne Yeadon and performed by Ryan Stickle, Ryan Yeadon, Andrew McGhee and DJ Lupo—good work guys! Ryan Stickle spoke on behalf of the group and invited some of the Youth to share their personal testimony. It was wonderful to see all of them praying with each other, and for others, during the altar time. Our Youth and Youth sponsors continue to do an outstanding job in maintaining the flow of their Friday night events in the absence of a Youth Pastor. You make us proud!